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In re of Applicant)

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

MS: Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 5, 2004, having a due date of September 5, 2004, which has been extended by three (3) months by the contemporaneously filed Petition for Extension of Time, now having a due date of December 5, 2004, Applicant hereby submits the following:

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.